

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of this submission. Claims 1, 2, 4, 11-13, and 20-22 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-28 are presented for examination. All claim amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification, and do not add any new matter.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims overcome the cited prior art, and are in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to initiate an interview with the undersigned by calling 949-498-0601 if the Examiner believes that such an interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Request for an Extension of Time

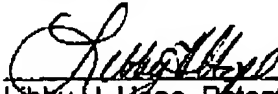
Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 to cover any necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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Respectfully submitted,

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